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1.

THERE IS GENERAL INDIGNATION THROUGHOUT THE NAVY TO THE 26 JULY SHOOTING OF NAVAL CAPTAIN ARTURO A R A Y A , AIDE DE CAMP TO PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE. IT IS FELT THAT ALLENDE MUST TAKE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY, SINCE IT HAS BEEN HE WHO ALLOWED THE SPREAD OF ARMED GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

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WITHOUT TAKING EARLY ACTION TO STOP THEM. [REDACTED]
THAT 10-JULY HE HAD TALKED WITH [REDACTED]
ABOUT THE KILLING, AND [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT ARAYA'S DEATH WAS
ONE MORE PROOF OF THE NEED TO REMEDY THE VARIOUS ILLS AFFECTING
CHILE. 1.5 (c)

2. [REDACTED] JULY [REDACTED] SAID
THAT ALLENDE MUST REALIZE THAT THE NAVY BLAMED HIM FOR ARAYA'S
DEATH. HE POINTED OUT THAT ALLENDE IS PERCEPTIVE, AND THAT THE
COLDNESS WITH WHICH HE HAS MET AT ARAYA'S FUNERAL ON 28 JULY
WAS QUITE OBVIOUS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE FUNERAL EULOGY
AND THE PUBLIC DECLARATION MADE BY A GROUP OF ARAYA'S CLASS-
MATES AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY ON 29 JULY WERE EXPLICIT IN REPRESENTING
THE NAVY'S OPINION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: BOTH THE EULOGY, AND
DECLARATION WERE CARRIED IN THE PRESS ON 29 JULY. THEY INCLUDED
THINLY VEILED COMMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS
TO BLAME FOR THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CHILE,
INCLUDING THE VIOLENCE DUE TO THE SPREAD OF 'ARKS'. [REDACTED] 1.5 (c)
SAID THAT THE EULOGY OF NAVY COMMANDER IN CHIEF RAUL
MONTERO AT THE FUNERAL DID NOT REPRESENT THE OPINION OF
THE NAVY IN GENERAL.

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE OPPOSITION PRESS IN SANTIAGO HAS REPORTED THAT AUTHORITIES ON 28 JULY ARRESTED JOSE R. QUELME BASCUNAN, AN ELECTRICIAN WITH THE CHILEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CORFO), WHO REPORTEDLY WAS PART OF A PLOT TO KIDNAP ARAYA, WHICH KENT AWRY AND LED TO HIS DEATH. THE PRESS FURTHER REPORTED THAT TWELVE OTHER PERSONS, AS YET UNIDENTIFIED, HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN THE PLOT; THEY REPORTEDLY WERE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU), THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS), THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS FEDERATION (FTR), AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). NO OTHER ARRESTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE. THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE KILLING OF ARAYA WAS PERPETRATED BY ANY ELEMENTS OF THE POPULAR UNITY COALITION.)

4. [REDACTED]
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